

August 2006
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

During August, the Central Command showed a marked improvement in decreasing the total number of crashes handled by its personnel. Total crashes declined by 24.3% when compared to July and 28.3% when compared to the same reporting period the previous year. Both property damage and injury crashes declined substantially and fatal crashes remained the same. Crashes involving impaired drivers declined by 60% and commercial vehicle crashes declined by 3.8%.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 3.85% when compared to July with a total of 4,474 cited violations. Total speed violations increased by 5.4% and total persons arrested increased by 7.4%.

Commercial enforcement personnel conducted 38.6% more inspections in August when compared to July which led an increase in the number of drivers being placed out of service and dyed fuel inspections. Of the 623 inspections, 141 were conducted on secondary roadways. There was also a substantial increase in the number of commercial vehicles weighed in August, 681 as compared to July's 468 which led to a 40% increase in overweight citations being issued.

Traffic personnel conducted 633 level 2/3 inspections in August, finding 690 violations and placing 74 drivers out of service.

The Communication Center showed an increase of 10.9% in the number of radio transmissions, a 15.9% increase in CAD incidents generated and a 9.2% decrease in telephone calls.

Improvements made during August by Central Command personnel when compared to July went a long way in making the roadways safer for the motoring public. The Command Staff would like to commend all personnel for their hard work and thank them for a job well done during August.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August-06		August-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
Total Crashes	109		152	-28.3%		144	-24.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	76		106	-28.3%		99	-23.2%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	29		45	-35.6%		41	-29.3%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		1	300.0%		4	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	4		8	-50.0%		10	-60.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7		1	600.0%		5	40.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	5		1	400.0%		2	150.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	25		26	-3.8%		26	-3.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	18		24	-25.0%		21	-14.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		2	250.0%		4	75.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.7%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 85.7%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 22.9%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ** Total crashes declined by over 24% in August as compared to July. This is a marked improvement as the summer months are typically the months with the highest number of crashes with summer travel. There were marked declines in both property damage and injury crashes. Fatal crashes remained unchanged at 4.
- ** Despite having the same number of fatal crashes, 2 more persons were killed. Six or the seven persons killed were not wearing seat belts.
- ** Crashes involving impaired drivers dropped by 60%. The average BAC was .19.
- ** Crashes involving commercial vehicles decreased by one as compared to July. The overall percentage of commercial vehicle involved crashes to total crashes increased to almost 23%. However, this percentage increased due to the overall decline in the total number of crashes within the Command. Of the 25 crashes involving a commercial vehicle, 16 or 64%, were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Only 8 of the 25 crashes occurred on the Interstate. The remaining 17 were on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	August-06		August-05	% Change		July-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	4		8	-50.0%		10	-60.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	26		22	18.2%		27	-3.7%
Other Arrests	162		182	-11.0%		159	1.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	87		89	-2.2%		81	7.4%
Speed violations	2849		2530	12.6%		2704	5.4%
Hazardous moving violations	257		255	0.8%		289	-11.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	317		364	-12.9%		323	-1.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	4474		4285	4.4%		4309	3.8%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	34		42	-19.0%		43	-20.9%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	12		25	-52.0%		20	-40.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	664		700	-5.1%		479	38.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		4	-400.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	132		182	-27.5%		133	-0.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1019		1296	-21.4%		876	16.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	50		69	-27.5%		38	31.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	18		23	-21.7%		26	-30.8%
Total school buses inspected	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	681		621	9.7%		468	45.5%
Total overweight citations	14		32	-56.3%		10	40.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	623		648	-3.9%		458	36.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- * There was a 3.8% increase in overall activity in August as compared to July. Speed violations increased by over 5% with a decline in hazardous moving violations of 11% or 22 violations and six fewer occupant restraint violations. With the majority of persons killed in fatal crashes not wearing seat belts, enforcement of seat belt violations needs to be enhanced.
- ** There was one fewer arrest of an impaired driver in August as compared to July, however, the number of impaired drivers involved in crashes declined substantially. For those persons arrested prior to a crash, the average BAC was .150.
- ** Commercial Operations personnel increased the number of inspections conducted by 38.6%. With the increase in the number of inspections came a 16% increase in the number of violations discovered. With this increase in violations came an increase in the number of vehicles placed "out of service," but there was a decline in the number of drivers placed "out of service."

- ** The number of trucks weighed increased substantially, 45.5%, which led to more overweight violations being discovered. Of the 681 vehicles weighed, 132 were weighed on secondary roadways during 235 hours of directed enforcement.
- ** With the increase in the number of inspections came a corresponding increase in the number of dyed fuel inspections. Of the 623 inspections, 141 were conducted on secondary roadways during 233 hours of directed enforcement.
- ** Traffic Operations personnel conducted 633 Level 2 and 3 inspections. This is by far the greatest number of inspections conducted during one month by Traffic personnel. The 633 inspections led to the discovery of 690 violations, 231 citations for safety violations and 74 drivers being placed "out of service."

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]						
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
August-06	633	231	690	74	497	0
August-05	370	141	532	28	270	1
% Change	71.1%	63.8%	29.7%	164.3%	84.1%	-100.0%

August-06	633	231	690	74	497	0
July-06	216	125	300	28	181	0
% Change	193.1%	84.8%	130.0%	164.3%	174.6%	0.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	August-06	August-05	% Change	July-06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	93,414	88,159	6.0%	84,256	10.9%
CAD incidents	12,723	11,822	7.6%	10,981	15.9%
Telephone Calls	13,076	13,607	-3.9%	14,403	-9.2%
Call Box Incidents	52	40	30.0%	51	2.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	105	147	-28.6%	148	-29.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	72	78	-7.7%	74	-2.7%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	24	5	380.0%	21	14.3%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	338	332	1.8%	218	55.0%
Warrants Entered	302	151	100.0%	223	35.4%
Warrants Cleared	511	205	149.3%	352	45.2%
Warrants Validated	1873	1749	7.1%	2770	-32.4%
Extradition / Transports	7	14	-50.0%	4	75.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	35	9	288.9%	29	20.7%
New Items Submitted	151	49	208.2%	70	115.7%
Items Disposed	167	112	49.1%	37	351.4%

Contract Service overtime was 561 hours during 16 contracts totalling \$36,798.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- * With the increase in activity, came increases within the Communication Center of radio transmissions and CAD incidents generated. Telephone calls declined by over 9%.
- ** With the decline in the number of crashes, Front Office personnel processed fewer accident reports, but process about the same number of arrest and officer reports.
- ** Court / Warrant personnel received 338 new warrants and entered 302. These are both substantial increases over July. Warrants cleared jumped by over 45%. The number of warrants validated declined by almost 1/3.
- ** The evidence vault received a 20.7% increase in the number of new cases processed , but had a marked increase in the number of items received from these cases. The vault also disposed of 167 items.

PERSONNEL

** Tpr. Garth Gardner was promoted to Sergeant and will be assigned to Las Vegas. Good luck Sgt. Gardner.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

** Tpr. Gonzalez taught a suicide prevention class at Great Basin Community College.

** A drug and alcohol recognition and awareness class was taught to the Wells High School teachers and staff with 30 in attendance.

** The court required training for child safety seat offenders was held with 7 in attendance.

** A class was taught to an EMS group regarding accident scenes, approach, parking and evidence preservation. There were 25 students in attendance.

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